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SUBJ: FRAUD IN BOLIVIAN ELECTIONS

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- 1. I SPOKE TO PRESIDENT CARAZO MORNING JULY 14 REGARDING OUR INTEREST IN HIS VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN BOLIVIA AND IN WHETHER GOCR HAD IN HAND ANY OFFICIAL COMMENT. I PROVIDED HIM OUR STATEMENT OF JULY 13 AND ASKED WHETHER FOREIGN MINISTER CALDERON WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS IN THE PANAMA MEETING TODAY.
- 2. CARAZO SAID HE HAD BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE BOLIVIAN SITUATION AND WOULD CALL FONMIN CALDERON IN PANAMA DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY TO DISCUSS APPROPRIATE ACTION WITH HIM. IN CONTRAST WITH THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, CARAZO INDICATED, BOLIVIAVAFOR COSTA RICA WAS "MORE REMOTE AND A BIT STRANGE."

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3. COMMENT: THOUGH I HAVE BEEN WITH CARAZO TWICE AND FONMIN CALDERON ONCE OVER THE PAST THIRTY-SIX HOURS, NEITHER RAISED BOLIVIA. CARAZO IS CONCERNED ABOUT LATIN AMERICAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS GENERALLY, BUT APPARENTLY HAD NOT FOCUSED ON BOLIVIA TO ANY GREAT EXTENT AS YET. SOME INDEPENDENT COSTA RICAN OR A JOINT STATEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF OURS IS NOT UNLIKELY NOW THAT THE US AND

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